

in Wettstein. As to typography, the dictionary is printed in very legible eight point type. It is attractively bound in quarter leather, and the excellence of the workmanship is attested to by the ease with which the book lies open at any page.

There is nothing in English comparable to Font Quer's work; Jackson's "Glossary of Botanic Terms" comes the closest. Even though many of us may not feel at home with the Spanish language, we will find this "Diccionario de Botánica" an extremely valuable botanical reference work. Dr. Font Quer and his eight principal collaborators are to be congratulated on the publication of this volume.—ANNETTA CARTER, Department of Botany, University of California, Berkeley.

NOTES AND NEWS

RANDOM OBSERVATIONS IN THE HIGH SIERRA OF YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA. Plants of *Lewisia disepala* Rydberg growing in granitic sands at 8000 feet elevation on Mount Watkins closed their petals about noon whether the day were bright or overcast. Cross pollination of *Polemonium californicum* Eastwood seems assured by the fact that after the sepals have opened, the petals for a time remain closed, clasping the well-exserted stigma. Plants exhibiting this behaviour were noted during the summer of 1953 at May Lake between elevations of 8600 and 9000 feet.—H. L. BUCKALEW, Fresno, California.

The editors of Madroño feel that an explanation for the appearance and late publication date of the October number of the Journal is in order. During its composition, the printer then doing our work went into bankruptcy. In this emergency our Assistant Business Manager performed yeoman service and obtained the services of a nearby printer who salvaged type and manuscript. Not being experienced with scientific publication, this new printer proceeded with the final copy without presenting second proofs to the editor. Under the circumstances, it seemed best to include an errata slip in the issue rather than penalize the printer by asking him to reprint a job which was undertaken in part as a gesture of good will. We therefore ask the indulgence of our readers.

With the present number, we have placed Madroño in the hands of Gillick Press in Berkeley, and we are looking forward to the publication of a journal with a high quality of printing.—H.L.M.

On January 21, 1954, at the regular monthly meeting of the California Botanical Society, the following persons were elected as officers: President: N. T. Mirov; First Vice-president: William Hiesey; Second Vice-president: Harlan Lewis; Recording Secretary: Mary L. Bowerman; Corresponding Secretary: G. Thomas Robbins; Treasurer: Richard W. Holm.

Some publications of interest follow:

Karok Ethnobotany, by Sara M. Schenck and E. W. Gifford. Anthropological Records 13(6):377-392. 1952. University of California Press. The Karok territory extends along the Klamath River from above Bluff Creek, Humboldt County, to above Happy Camp, Siskiyou County, California.

A Revision of the North American Species of Lathyrus, by C. Leo Hitchcock. University of Washington Publications in Biology 15:1-104, 9 pls., 10 maps, 2 charts. 1952. \$2.50.

Drawings of British Plants, by Stella Ross-Craig. Part V. Caryophyllaceae, 66 pls. 1951. Part VI, Portulacaceae through Aceraceae, 56 pls. 1952. G. Bell and Sons, Ltd. Each part 10s. net.

Nuttall's Travels into the Old Northwest, an unpublished 1810 Diary, by Jeanette E. Graustein. Chronica Botanica, Vol. 14, No. 1/2. 1950-51. \$3.00.

Artemisia, section Seriphidium, in North America, a cytotaxonomic study, by George H. Ward. Contributions from the Dudley Herbarium, Volume 4, Part 6, 1953. Stanford University, Stanford, California.